

LB 799

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CLERK: Attached thereto on all of our copies is alternative #2. Did you want that stricken?

PRESIDENT: No, that was withdrawn.

CLERK: But we had two sets of #2?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Right. I asked for everything to be withdrawn except #3.

PRESIDENT: Is that clear, Mr. Clerk? 799. The bill is advanced. LB 799. LB 799, Mr. Clerk. Coming in to the North balcony are fifty senior students from Schuyler High School. This is in Senator Hasebroock's District. We appreciate having student groups here in the Capitol and we hope that you young people have a nice day today. Thank you for coming.

CLERK: LB 799 introduced by the Executive Board and signed by Senators Mahoney, Kelly, Savage, Cavanaugh, Barnett, Rasmussen, Lewis. Read title. Now, Mr. President, there are Committee amendments by Senator Anderson's Miscellaneous Subjects Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the bill, LB 799, relates to the organization of the Legislative staff. The Miscellaneous Subjects Committee in approving the bill adopted amendments that essentially deal with two subjects. The original section 17 of LB 799 does give the fiscal analyst office performance audit authority. The amendments, as you will notice, most of the amendments, all of the second page and most of the first page of the amendments that are in your bill book, deal with a rewrite of the authority that was contained in the original section 17. It does not change the authority but it does spell out the extent of the authority, does give a little bit more detail to it. This rewrite was something that we worked out after the hearing with the fiscal analyst office to make sure that this was properly spelled out. In conjunction with that, and as you will remember, the Legislature did a couple of years ago give performance audit authority to the State Auditor's office. If we are going to give the authority to do the performance audit to the fiscal analyst office, then you will note on the second page of the amendment that the original authority in the Auditor's office is stricken so that we don't have two agencies of state government doing the same thing, and, of course, the argument was made in the Committee, and I think this is one that all of us essentially agreed with, is that the performance audit is a function of the Legislature because it is our responsibility to check and see if those laws that we passed are being effectively carried out. The second focus of the amendment is on original sections 36 and 37. Those amendments directed the Attorney General's office to do a couple of things that were